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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"Has the Government considered the question of increasing the pay, apart from having a selection grade, Sir?,"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"They have thought it necessary to make no changes except providing for the selection grade. The matter has been fully considered."

Percentage of Assistant Professors getting a salary of Rs. 170 and less.

*92 Q.—Mr. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what percentage of Assistant Professors, under the present time-scale, namely, Rs. 125—5—175—7½—250, are getting a salary of Rs. 170 and less, and how many years service they have put in?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Quarterly list of Non-gazetted Educational Officers corrected up to 1st July 1930.

Excise

Excise Licensing Boards and Advisory Committees in Bellary district.

*93 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the strength of the Excise Licensing Boards and Advisory Committees, if any, in the Bellary district;

(b) how many in each, are appointed by election and the agency which has to elect them; and

(c) how many among the nominated members of each represent the liquor trade interests?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1341 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 28th January 1930 and to rule 2 of the rules for the constitution of and the conduct of business by Excise Advisory Committees published at pages 1262-63 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th September 1927.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"The answer to this question refers to a previous question asked in this Council. On a reference to that I find that it does not relate at all to anything that I have asked now. Further there is a reference to the *Fort St. George Gazette*. I do not know what they refer to, because, copies of the Gazette are not available. Therefore may I know from the hon. Minister what the strength of the Excise Licensing Board is?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"It is about seven or eight. I cannot give the exact number. If my hon. Friend wants it it can be easily found out."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know how many of them are elected?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"That is what is found in the Gazette. Sir, the Gazette is a document which is easily available to Members."

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I submit to you, Sir, that when a reference is made to a certain paper, it is placed generally on the table of the House. In this case I made an attempt to get it here and I did not get it and if he refers me again on the floor of the House to go to the library and get the thing, it makes the answer practically of no value."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"I am sorry, Sir. The *Fort St. George Gazette* is supplied free to all Members of the Legislative Council and therefore I think it unnecessary to place a copy on the table of the House."

Auction of toddy shops.

*94 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the toddy shops have been sold by auction this year and if not, how many remain unsold and in which districts ;

(*b*) what is the amount realized by the sales in each district as compared with last year ; and

(*c*) whether the Government anticipate any loss in the income from this source and if so, to what extent ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement is appended.[a]

11-45 a.m. Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the temporary closing of shops mentioned in the statement furnished in answer to this question and the loss anticipated in the current lease is the result of the propaganda carried on by the Committee ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"To some extent it may have contributed."

Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—"May I know whether there has been any reduction in the quantity of consumption ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"In the current year there has been reduction in the quantity of consumption."

Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—"It is due to the propaganda or to picketing ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—"It is due to several causes of which this propaganda is supposed to be one."

Industries

Encouragement to handspun and handwoven cloth industry.

*95 *Q.*—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what practical steps the Government propose to take to encourage the cottage industry of handspun and handwoven cloth ?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 280 infra.